

Overview

The cities of Alpine and Highland, with the assistance of an outside consultant, have designed a questionnaire to solicit feedback from its citizens regarding open space. This input will be influential in deciding the pace of development and in designing plans that will preserve the cultural, ecological and recreational activities that many of its community members currently enjoy.

1999 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$4,000
Matching Dollars:	\$4,000 (\$0 in-kind)
Match:	\$4,000
Project Cost:	\$8,000

Alpine-Highland Greenspace Design Survey

Local Responsibility

In an attempt to gather feedback, these communities held public hearings and workshops for its citizens. Questionnaires were also distributed to its citizens.

State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded Alpine and Highland (collectively) with a grant in the amount of \$4,000.

Economic Development

This was not a component of this project.

Infrastructure Development

Public meetings will be held to gather information on how the public feels Highland and Alpine can use their existing infrastructure, transportation and new construction development plans. The cities current use of infrastructure does not appear to conflict the Open Space/Agricultural Land preservation issue.

Housing Opportunity

A majority of respondents believe that developers of new subdivisions should be required to set land aside for open space. However, residential housing densities are in direct conflict with the (probable) community's desire to preserve Open Space and Agricultural Land, so a fundamental restructuring of all densities in the general plan is necessary.

Conservation Ethic

City officials and residents in both municipalities are concerned that developers for new home construction are quickly building up the once established open space and agricultural areas. This study will illustrate how the cities can preserve open space and agricultural lands. Based on public input, the study indicates that 50% or more of the community's open space should remain open.

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Lonnie Crowell-Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning

Implementation

There are several portions of the plan that have been or are being implemented. Portions of the proposal/plan are currently being used.

Promoting Intelligent Growth

The plan has informed decision makers of infrastructure needs and planning concepts. Decision makers have adopted several portions of the plan into the General Plan and Development Code for the area. Decision makers have implemented and considered several concepts from the plan that were not previously acknowledged.

Accomplishments

Infrastructure plans and goals have been adopted relative to the plan information and proposals. Cluster development and smaller lots have been approved and implemented. A new Professional Office zone has been in process for some time now and very near adoption. The concepts from the plan have suggested several options being used in the new zone.

Benefits

See the response to question #2. Several new planning ideas and decisions such as smaller lot residential development and professional office land use within the site area have been created from the plan that were not considered in the past.